
DELMARVA BEACON

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View from the bridge along the Killens Pond hiking trail

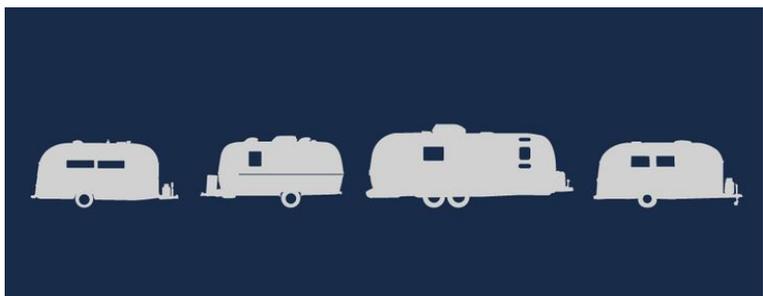
Welcome New Members!

Warmest welcome to our newest members of the ever-growing Delmarva Airstream Club!! New members include:

◆ **Patricia & Paul Gerhardt**, WBCCI# 2458, Centerville, MD
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◆ **Elizabeth & Brian Engler**, WBCCI# 2734, Hockessin, DE
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◆ **Linda & Marty Moran**, WBCCI# 31998, Berlin, MD
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President Katharine and Vice-President Andy pause to enjoy the new overlook on Killens Pond.

President's Message

Killens Pond -- What a fun beginning to the camping season -- plus a very successful Maintenance Rally! It felt great to get outdoors and camp with friends. Thanks to Malcolm Comstock and Chuck Helwig, along with Maggie Helwig & others from our Club for organizing the Maintenance Rally & handling all the logistics along with the Kushto's from PA.

Great to meet some of the newer members, too, at the rallies. Our Club appears to be growing each month -- we now number 46 units. With a lot happening this month, this newsletter is extra long!

May will bring a couple more new Club rallies: Retirees Rally May 3-7 @ Cherrystone Resort, Cape Charles, VA. The fully booked Lums Pond State Park rally in Delaware May 14 - 16, hosted by several PA Clubs. June brings a Rally Round PA Club caravan, and July the International Rally in Lebanon, TN. There are a number of members planning to attend each event and there is still time to join us either in Cape Charles or on the PA caravan. Let me know if you have questions or need more information.

Members interested in caravanning together for the International Rally, please contact Art Potter: artnlizpotter@gmail.com
Hope to see you soon down the road!

Getting to know you. . .

Member Profile: Roger Sansom & Celeste Ziara-Sansom

◆Where are you from originally? Where do you live now?

R: We both are Maryland natives; Celeste is a Fruitland girl and I spent my early years in the Harford County/Belair and Frederick-Washington County area.

C: Roger is originally from Forest Hill, Md -- Harford County. Celeste is from Fruitland, Md. Interestingly, we met while I was working at Shock Trauma as a Respiratory Therapist and Roger would visit his father who was a patient there. We currently live in Eden, Md.

◆What kind of work do you do?

C: Roger is a realtor, and I am a dentist.

R: After a couple of decades in the building supply industry and assisting some of my builder clients with their "open houses", in 1995 I transitioned into Real Estate full time as a Maryland-Delaware licensed Realtor.

◆How long married (if not single)?

R: Forever

C: We have been married 25 years.

◆Is the Airstream your first RV? If not, how many Airstreams have you owned?

R: We still enjoy our original 1998 34' Classic Limited, that we now have just-the-way we want-it. Last year we sold a 1987 34' Excella that we had restored & updated. No regrets as it was interesting to learn of the differences of our two models. If I





Membership Directory

Our draft directory member pages continue to grow in number.

About half our members are now depicted. I would be happy to include your picture(s) if you would send me your photo(s) depicting yourselves in front of your Airstream. Or separate pictures are fine, too.

Again, the purpose is to help us recognize and get to know each other; this is not intended for public distribution.



Club Officers

- President.....Katharine Dowell
- 1st Vice President.....Andy Dowell
- 2nd Vice President..... vacant
- Recording Secretary.....Donna Field
- Treasurer.....Malcolm Comstock
- Corresponding Secretary..... vacant
- Membership Chair.....Andy Dowell
- Webmaster.....Andy Dowell
- Trustees.....Mike Field (1)
 Bob Pullman, Jr. (1)
 Chuck Helwig (2)
 Carolyn Spiezio (2)
- Sunshine Chair.....Mary Ann Parks
- Caravan Chair.....Malcolm Comstock
- Newsletter Editor..... Katharine Dowell
- Layout & DesignAshley Hitzig

can ever offer any input to a member; I now have about 100 hours of “polishing” experience.....

C: YES! Our Airstream was the first RV we bought.

◆**Have you been RV camping long?**

R: As a family: 2001. Celeste had some pop-up experience during her younger years of family camping with a sister and two brothers.

C: We started when our children were young. We purchased the camper in 2001.

◆**What prompted the purchase of an Airstream as opposed to anything else?**

R: We had no previous Airstream knowledge or experience, just took the plunge.

C: No special reason for our purchasing the Airstream, other than it was “a deal.” That is another story all together! A funny story on the purchase of our Airstream: I grew up camping with my family in an old pop-up camper. I have some very fond memories of taking the family station wagon, pulling our pop-up, to Florida to Walt Disney World. When Nate and Olivia were young, I suggested to Roger that we look for a small camper. Back then, E-bay was popular, so we started looking on E-bay. We found the ad for this Airstream, which was at an Airstream dealer in Louisiana. It had a description that stated it did have hail damage and many pictures. We thought it looked nice, but it was big; 34 feet. Roger did some research and learned that Airstreams hold their value and were very dependable. We decided to make an offer, yes sight unseen just by the pictures. So, when the auction was over and we were the only bidders on it, we won! Roger received an email the following day asking if he was interested in selling it as someone who wanted the trailer had missed out on the auction. They even offered to give us \$5,000 more than we paid for it! Roger respectfully declined the offer. We had paid a service to have the camper delivered to us and that was the first time we saw our camper in person. It is a 34 foot Classic Limited, which meant nothing to us at the time as we had NO idea of the Airstream lingo. It has a front kitchen, which we thought all Airstreams had and real hardwood in the kitchen. I had a light blue shag-type carpet throughout the rest of the camper, even in the bathroom! Our first camping trip in it was to Sunset Beach, which is the campground right before the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel going South. It was a Delmarva Unit Airstream Rally. We met what we consider to be the stalwarts of the club: Boots & Francis Mason, Clyde Warden & Claire Connelly, and Bert & Carol. This first rally of ours is where I was re-introduced to Dave & Tina Mudge, who I graduated high school with! Sorry to be so long winded, but I thought it was an interesting tell.



Killens Pond Rally April 9-11, 2021

The Club's weekend rally at Killens Pond State Park in Felton, DE brought 10 Airstream Club units to camp together over the weekend. With additional members stopping by for the campfire Saturday evening. Fortunately, the weekend's unfavorable weather forecast proved incorrect; sunny skies and mild temperatures were the rule! Attendees at the rally found a mix of activities to enjoy: hiking and biking the park trails, ice skating at the nearby indoor rink in Harrington, kayaking on the Pond, and general fellowship at campfires, hosted by the Sansom's Friday evening and Dowell's on Saturday.

Campers included: De Matthews, Linda & Marty Moran, Andy & Katharine Dowell, Chuck & Maggie Helwig, Laurie & Bob Pullman with granddaughter Jordan, Mariellen & Lou Hill, Debbie & Rick Schulenberg, Roger & Celeste Sansom with daughter Olivia, Dave Ziara, & a special guest who was in the area: Stacey Daniel – a new full time Airstreamer based in Texas and member of the Southeastern Camping Unit Club. Both Charlie Michels and the Hitzig/Clawson family came for the rally's Saturday evening campfire gathering.

A great weekend to kick off the camping season!

◆Where have you traveled in your Airstream? Any favorite places?

R: Our furthest trip so far was to a rally in Galax Va for the annual Fiddlers Convention; we can't wait to go again. We have enjoyed Assateague State Park every year since we started camping and we hope to continue that tradition. Otherwise, we are still discovering many of the DE-MD-VA state and private campgrounds. We are also fortunate to have friends who still invite us to "courtesy park" at their bay-front or historic farms and properties on the eastern and western Maryland shore areas.

C: Since we both work full time and the children were in school, we never really had the opportunity to travel across country. We have thoroughly enjoyed camping every summer at Assateague State Park with a group of friends. We have been doing that since 2002

◆Have you attended any major rallies, (e.g. Regional, International)? Have you participated in any caravans?

R: Not yet, we hope to start in 2022. We are signed-up for "A Taste of The Blue Ridge" for 2023.

C: We attended one quad rally in Pennsylvania. The only caravan of sorts we participated in was a small one that travelled to the Galax Fiddlers Convention. It was hosted by another Virginia Airstream Club.

◆What prompted you to get involved with Airstream Club? How long have you been a member?

R: Since our Airstream was purchased through a dealer, we were contacted through WBCCI and joined the Delmarva Club 2001.

C: After we purchased our camper, we received a letter from Airstream International that directed us to local Airstream owners. From there, we met Francis Mason who then introduced us to the other members.

[Editor's note: Their submission was unusual in that each wrote up their answers and sent them to me separately. I combined them below. Thanks to both Roger and Celeste for your responses!]



BELOW: Bob Pullman and Jordan, completing a Saturday morning kayak paddling.



ABOVE: Vice-President, Andy Dowell, leading the way on the hiking trail scenic spur at Killens Pond.

BELOW: Chuck Helwig & Charlie Michels find time to catch up.



Killens Pond Pictures:



L to R: De Matthews, Rick and Debbie Schulenberg, Dave Ziara, Laurie Pullman & granddaughter Jordan enjoy the Sansom's site campfire Friday evening.



L to R: New members Marty and Linda Moran getting acquainted with De Matthews

Lou and Mariellen Hill enjoying the campfire gathering with pup Ginger.



The campfire Happy Hour gathering starts to get underway overlooking the Pond Saturday evening.



More campfire from Saturday Happy Hour.





Maintenance Rally April 23-25, 2021

Another successful multi-club event with, what looked like over 20 trailers! The Delmarva Club business meeting was also conducted during the rally (see minutes to the right).

Proposed new Club Logo:

The new logo, designed by member Shannon Stevens, was selected by popular vote at the rally. Once approved by WBCCI, the design will be available for our use through multiple applications, (e.g. decals, embroidery, tee-shirts, etc.) With hopes, this design will also become our new club flag!



Maintenance Rally
4-H Park, Centreville MD
Delmarva Airstream Club - April 24, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Katharine Dowell at 4:30 p.m.

Officers Attending were:

President	Katharine Dowell	
First Vice President	Andy Dowell	
Treasurer	Malcolm Potter	
Recording Secretary	Donna Field	
Trustees	Bob Pullman, 1 year	Present
	Mike Field, 1 year	"
	Chuck Helwig, 2 years	"
	Carolyn Spiezio, 2 years.	Absent
"Sunshine Chair"	Mary Ann Parks	Absent

Reading of the Minutes:

Minutes of the October 2020 Installation meeting were published in the November 2020 Beacon.

Treasurers Report:

Malcolm Comstock reported \$4,506 in the treasury. After the funds from the rally were collected to pay the 4-H Park, the money spent to prepare the dinner, and funds were donated to the 4-H Park, there was \$4,506 in the treasury.

Glenn Michael moved to accept the Treasurers report. Chuck Helwig seconded. The motion was approved.

Membership: Vice President/Membership Chair Andy reported that there were 46 Members, 9 members had been lost and 9 members gained. There was a motion to approve the report, Glenn moved, Art seconded and the motion was approved.

New Business:

There was discussion of logos for a new flag and new logos for patches, etc., with each member present getting a vote on the designs posted at the Rally. Sarah Cooksey motioned, Chris Clawson seconded and the motion was passed. Chuck Helwig motioned to approve having a new flag created with Katharine taking the logo selected and adding WBCCI per requirements. Bob Pullman seconded.

A motion was passed to approve granting proxy to the Dowells for voting the Region 2 officers' slate as well as approving Constitutional amendments and voting for officers at the



Buds break at Killens Pond on a beautiful April Day.

International Rally.

Laurie Pullman volunteered to act as Treasurer again to start at the Fall meeting.

Laurie Pullman motioned that Katharine stay on another term.

Chuck Helwig motioned that a nominating committee be created to put together a slate of candidates for officers, especially encouraging new members to assist with empty jobs. Linda Moran seconded the motion.

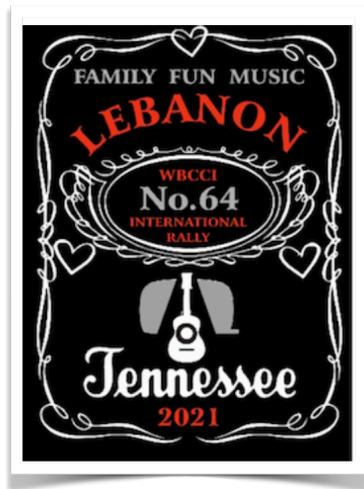
There was mention that the club's website will change to AirstreamClub.org/Delmarva in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Field





WBCCI 64th International Rally July 17-24, 2021

So far at least half a dozen Club Members have registered for the WBCCI International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee this year! If you plan on going but have not yet registered, register using this link:

<https://airstreamclub.org/node/45470>



Region 2 Luncheon Information:

The Region 2 Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, July 21 @ 12 noon** at the International Rally. Mark your calendars. Registration online and menu options are available at:

<https://airstreamclub.org/region2/2021-regon-2-luncheon>

NEW Nominating Committee is forming for open officer and trustee positions:

Members are being sought to help develop a slate of new officers and trustees for election and the October 2021 Installation Rally. Our club charter allows for a committee of three and a list of duties for each Club Officer position is available. Sarah Cooksey has offered to chair the committee. Thank you Sarah!!

Please respond with your availability to assist Sarah at cooksey.sarah@gmail.com

Available Positions:

- ♦ President
- ♦ First Vice President
- ♦ Second Vice President
- ♦ Corresponding Secretary
- ♦ Recording Secretary
- ♦ Trustees, (end of one year terms)

2021 Season Club Calendar

Delmarva Club Event Schedule
Revised February 2021

April 9-11, 2021 Killens Pond Rally
Killens Pond State Park, DE
Hosts at site D-05

April 23-25, 2021 Maintenance Rally
With Central PA/Keystone
4-H Park
Centreville, MD

May 3-7, 2021 Retirees Rally
Hosts at site 101
Cherrystone Camping Resort
Cape Charles, VA

May 13-16 Lums Pond Rally
Buddy Rally with
Central PA and Keystone
Hosts site 029

June 2021

Round Pennsylvania Caravan
June 1-13: Caravan Leaders the Dowells.
Unit Caravan to Penn Wood Airstream
Park. Staying in scenic State Parks along
the way. Contact Katharine to join.

Shad Landing Rally
Pocomoke State Park, MD
June 25-27.
Hosts at site 115 Deer Run.

July 2021 Delmarva Picnic: CANCELLED

July 17-24 Airstream Inter. Rally
Lebanon, TN

August 2-6, 2021 Kiptopeke State Park Rally
Cape Charles, VA
Hosts in site C21

August 27-29 Tuckahoe State Park Rally, MD
Hosts in site 6 Loop B

September 10-12, 2021 Crisfield American Legion Rally
Crisfield, Md. Hosted by the Dowell's.

October 1-3, 2021 Trap Pond Rally
Trap Pond State Park, DE
Hosts at site A-14

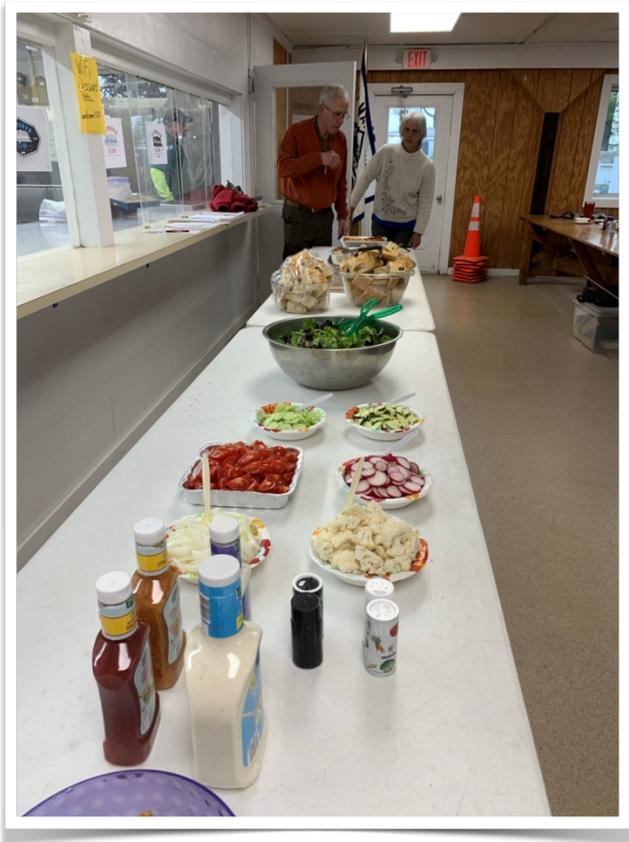
October 22-24, 2021 Delmarva Airstream Club Installation Rally
4-H Park
Centreville, MD.

Maintenance Rally Pictures

Trailers line the entrance area (above) and near the Dining Hall (below).



Lots of work was accomplished along with much Airstream fellowship.



A terrific meal was prepared and served.

Attendees await their chance to join the buffet line.

